



## **MEETING MINUTES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Regular Meetings: The First, Second,  
and Third Tuesday of each month

### **REGULAR MEETING**

County Courthouse  
Bridgeport, California 93517

**April 8, 2008**

**9:00 a.m. Call meeting to Order Chairwoman Vikki Bauer**

**Pledge of Allegiance Renn Nolan, deputy Clerk of the Board**

### **OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

No one spoke

### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**Supervisor Reid** reported on the following issues and activities: Sacramento for RCRC meeting – going into escrow to sale their building it is too large and want to combine with CSAC on building – RCRC has approximately \$30 million; Williamson Act subvention will be reduced by 10% and eventually it will be phased out over 10 years; Bill passed requiring Geo. Studies for building permits – are we aware? Quagga muscle was discussed; NACO passed on information that China is going to build a huge port in Mexico to avoid going to Los Angeles, etc. Would stop monies receive for “import permits” - bill in legislature re CalFire state responsibility area (asked Assessor for map) will go to fees to fund their operation-state requirement but county will have to collect the funds; Senior luncheon at Community Center (Walker/Coleville) – doing very well; meeting at Lee Vining High School with principal, Wayne Beaver and Kelly Garcia re softball diamond – MOU is being worked up to return diamond to school for maintenance – county to get it up to par and give it back to school; IMA Board meeting; Smith Valley High School meeting put on by Coalition of Nevada Access – 692,000 acres – is Mono County part of this? It will impact Mono County if area goes to Wilderness. Most counties involved are against this; proposed lands for this do not meet definition for wilderness according to Wilderness Act – lands to do not fit description but they think definition is wrong. Might want to get someone from Coalition up here to speak; ball diamond in Walker – no final update but impression was that things were coming together; Antelope Valley RPAC – Colonel Hall presentation on 5 or 6 antennae above base; overview of county budget at the meeting by Brian Muir; trip to Daffodil hill was outstanding.

**Supervisor Hunt** reported on the following issues and activities: Town/County Liaison meeting had good media coverage; discussed Grand Jury letter re jail, hospital parcel, sharing opportunities, Sierra Center Mall update. Bennett Kessler has been reporting on the fact that Supervisors in both Inyo and Mono meet in the mornings, during the week in remote locations and no one is able to attend meetings – maybe we can consider live TV coverage, etc. Mental Health/Drug and Alcohol combined meeting. Open house of new Mental Health facility in Walker next month. Mammoth Lakes housing – Jim Smith from mountain; update on projects and preparing for Ritz Carlton affordable housing issues. Judged a spelling bee- county wide – Bridgeport and Coleville did very well. John Helm welcomed to Eastern Sierra Transit Authority. Eastern Sierra Land Trust – open house at new main office. Sierra Nevada Conservancy executive director – performance evaluation standards. Tour of fire hazards in Mammoth Lakes with Jim Brannan.

**Supervisor Hazard** reported on the following issues and activities: attended CSA in Chalfant – they want to expand service capabilities; they are dealing with digital conversion in 2009; attended IMA meeting – their reported \$60,000 deficit is actually around \$10,000; attended CSA #1 meeting – no quorum – this was addressed at Board meeting by appointing two new members; Crowley Lake RPAC was mostly reporting from staff but not much interaction with residents; Benton office hours – 5 groups came in and their main concerns were (1) for county to acquire title to EMS land as soon as possible and clearing and cleaning up of flood channel through Tri Valley and request to get CDF to attend to this. Board had previously given a letter to the Wheeler Crest fire district supporting a grant for fuel reduction in the area – the grant was approved and fuel reduction will be funded.

**Supervisor Farnetti** reported on the following issues and activities: left meeting due to illness

**Chairwoman Bauer** spoke with Senator Cox – SB 3x1 under 40,000 population; passed SB 1172 – special species funds DFG; May 9, 2008 fundraiser for Congressman McKeon at Cino's home in June Lake; have been appointed to NACO Public Lands steering committee; fire at Gull Lake Landing; spoke at CTC (California Transportation Committee) with Gerry LeFrancois; went to Sacramento for CSAF board meeting – requested change in AB32 non-attainment exemptions. YARTS will be using the Park & Ride in Mammoth. Had interview with the Governors' Office for the State OHV Commission and it will be more than a month before anything is confirmed; CPT will be sponsoring a sub-committee to work on transportation projects on Federal land.

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

- 1) **CAO Report regarding Board Assignments (David Wilbrecht)**  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding his activities.  
CAO, reported on the following issues and activities:  
Agenda review meeting discussed NOVA software for Board agenda. Will probably implement in June  
IMA – trying to better understand itself; meeting next Thursday  
Moving forward with contract for Facility Study  
Looking into Community Development software  
Board recommends that CAO hold off on Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control Board research as to taking this over  
Management meeting 9:00 a.m. Supervisors Farnetti and Reid will attend  
Agenda review meeting Wednesday

- 2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
**M08-075** Regular Meeting of April 1, 2008  
*Hazard/Hunt 5-0*

## CLOSED SESSION

***Closed Session: 9:03 a.m.***

***Break: 9:50 a.m.***

***Reconvened: 10:00 a.m.***

***Nothing to report from Closed Session***

- 3) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code section 54957.6. Agency designated representatives: David Wilbrecht, Marshall Rudolph, Robert Garret, Evan Nikirk, and Brian Muir. Unrepresented Employees: Public Works Operations Superintendent.
- 4) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code section 54957.6. Agency designated representatives: David Wilbrecht, Marshall Rudolph, Robert Garret, Evan Nikirk, Kelly Garcia and Brian Muir. Unrepresented Employees: Project Manager.
- 5) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: one.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES**

Tom Wallace Health & Human Services: follow-up on report re solid waste – conference call with Molina-cease and desist orders for transfer stations but asked that we not enforce orders until we get signatures from DWP; could have a problem with illegal dumping – Wallace has not signed orders and his intentions is not to sign – they suggested that Pumice Valley be included even though no agreement re proceeding with this facility has been decided on – another conference call on Friday will include discussions on Pumice Valley. Wallace has had no contact with DWP at this time. Farnetti thanks Tom and his staff for their work.

Bob Musil Assessor's Office: With aid of Wilbrecht and Garret – have identified an employee that could work out of class and assist with appraiser duties; has received more information on missing permits re Mammoth Mountain – are identifying these permits and working through this; appraiser that is working on Mammoth Mtn. is working to identify monies that would have been due to County but due to timeliness of work has been lost. Person working on this is not responsible for this as he was following directions of sitting assessor at the time. Supervisor Reid thanks Mr. Musil for his diligence re this matter; it is extremely important to know how much has been lost and should be a public matter; Musil will brief Board in greater detail when all facts have been collected. Most of new construction appraising should be done by the time the Roll is handed off. Board wants Musil to continue to stay in Contact with Mr. Hanson re appraisal –investigative work on Mammoth Mtn to be sure completion date stays current.

Vikki Bauer: Senator Cox has worked hard for the smaller counties and consequently a bill has passed to insure there is no Hwy use tax for Mono County due to low population (SB 3x1)

Evan Nikirk Director of Public Works: Addresses Board re two new employees that are on agenda today; a list of areas of responsibility and employees in positions; Road employees are taking care of some of the high country roads (helping) and their assistance was requested; Tioga Pass snow removal starts either April 15 or May 1

## CONSENT AGENDA

### ELECTIONS OFFICE

- 6) Release of Claim Pertaining to Receipt of HAVA Reimbursement  
**M08-076** **RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Authorize Lynda Roberts, Clerk-Recorder-Registrar, to sign the Full Release of All Claims from the State of California, Office of the California Secretary of State, specifically related to expenses incurred by County of Mono pursuant to Agreement Number 05GR303009 entered into between County of Mono and the State in April of 2006 in accordance with Section 303 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002, in order to receive a reimbursement of \$54,070. Fiscal impact: \$54,070 revenue.  
*Hazard/Reid 5-0*

## REGULAR AGENDA

### CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

#	Received	Dated	From	Subject
7a)	4-1-08	3-14-08	Dave Robbins, President, Northern Mono Chamber of Commerce, to Mono County Board of Supervisors	Expanding Fishing Season on the West Walker River and the Little Walker River
7b)	4-1-08	3-25-08 postmarked	Camille Garibaldi, Environmental Protection Specialist, U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, to Clerk of the Board of Supervisors	Proposed Horizon Air Service to Mammoth Yosemite Airport, Mammoth Lakes, Mono County, California, Final Environmental Impact Statement (CD on file in the Clerk's Office)
7c)	4-1-08	3-28-08	Eric Loft, Chief, Wildlife Programs Branch, State of California, Department of Fish and Game, to Clerk of the Board of Supervisors	Notice of Availability and Intent to Adopt an Initial Study/Negative Declaration for the Proposed Amendment to Section 503 Pertaining to Nuisance Canada Geese

Approximately  
15 Minutes

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE—HUMAN RESOURCES

- 8a)**  
**R08-21** Resolution Approving Employment Contract with Louis Molina (**Robert Garret**)  
Garret addresses the Board re successful candidate Louis Molina and introduces him  
**ACTION:** Adopt **Resolution R08-21** approving an employment agreement with Louis Molina as Environmental Health Manager, and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment.  
**Hazard/Farnetti 5-0.**
- 8b)**  
**R08-22** Resolution Approving Employment Contract with Jeff Walters (**Robert Garret**)  
Garret addresses the Board re new at will position and what kind of candidate it took to fill this “first time” position and introduces Jeff Walters –background check revealed an excellent employee in Mr. Walters.  
Nikirk thanks the Board for their support of this position.  
**ACTION:** Adopt **Resolution R08-22** approving an employment agreement with Jeff Walters as Public Works Operations Superintendent, and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment. .  
**Hunt/Farnetti 5-0.**
- 8c)**  
**R08-23** Resolution Approving Employment Contract with Mary Ellen Halpin (**Robert Garret**)  
Garret addresses the Board re new employee Mary Ellen Halpin; higher salaries have resulted in excellent candidates applying for the positions in Mono County.  
Nikirk thanks the Board for creating this project management position – excellent recommendations and engineering degree and experience.  
**ACTION:** Adopt **Resolution R08-23** approving an employment agreement with Mary Ellen Halpin as a Project Manager, and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment.  
**Farnetti/Reid 5-0**

## DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

- 9)**  
**No action** Debt Policy (**Brian Muir**)  
**ACTION:** Review and discuss draft debt policy, and provide direction to staff. Fiscal impact: None.  
Brian Muir introduces draft of Mono County debt policy; this sort of document is the most important thing/building block for framework for planning and reviewing debt proposals; Mono County Board of Supervisors recognizes there are no absolute rules or easy formulas that can substitute for a thorough review of all information affecting the County’s debt position; debt decisions should be the result of deliberative consideration of all factors involved. Draft includes info that the aggregate annual debt service, including certificates of participation but excluding self-supporting debt, shall not exceed 7% of annual General Fund discretionary revenue. This policy forces County to look more closely at debts - debt planning is discussed (general obligation bonds; public information re bond elections) county will attempt to keep the average maturity of general obligation bonds at or below 12.5 years; Revenue bonds; revenue bonded debt; debt coverage example is given;  
Finance Officer will appear before the Board each year for review/updating of the Debt Policy. Mr. Muir feels that our financial situation is excellent at this time. Policy will give Board a basis/guide for future financial decisions.

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 10a)** Appointments to CSA #1 (**Supervisor Hazard**)  
**M08-077** **ACTION:** (1) Review current membership and adjust to constitute a quorum. (2) Appoint Bob Matthiessen and Kim Pedersen to fill two vacancies.  
**Hazard/Hunt 5-0**
- 10b)** Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) (**Supervisor Hunt and Greg Newbry**)  
**M08-078** Supervisor Hunt introduces this issue – project to create potential funding. Greg Newbry states that staff is assisting an Inyo/Mono multi-agency project in securing funds to ultimately develop an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. Agencies involved include Inyo County, Mono County, BLM, USFS, DFG, LADWP, Mammoth Water District, Cal Trout, Mono Lake Committee, Tribes, Lahontan Regional Water Board and others. Grant application to Sierra Nevada Conservancy to provide funding to draft a submittal for funding to Dept. of Water Resources to develop Inyo/Mono IRWMP this fall. A completed IRWMP will enhance and facilitate coordination across the region; develop and implement projects that are multi-benefit; attract funding necessary for the implementation of projects contained with the “plan”; raise recognition of water management needs and possibilities in the Eastern Sierra, specifically Inyo and Mono Counties. Requires minimal staff time and there is no current FY budget projection at this time. Supervisor Hunt sees this as a first step – the letter requested would show our interest. Hazard supports sending letter showing interest but has a concern re Cal Trout taking the lead – we need to move forward cautiously re this.  
**ACTION:** (1) Approve the letter of support for the Eastern Sierra Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) Launch Project. (2) Authorize the Board Chair to sign letter.  
**Hunt/Farnetti 5-0.**
- 10c)** Letter of Support for a Scenic Byway Grant for Highway 120 (**David Wilbrecht**)  
**M08-079** Potentially approve a letter of support of a grant application submitted by the USFS to designate Hwy 120 as a scenic byway; Board has been asked to support a grant application to support. Letter is first step to support application. Supervisor is in support of this matter (his district) and reports communities are in support.  
**ACTION:** Approve a letter in support of a grant application submitted by the United States Forest Service to designate Highway 120 as a scenic byway.  
**Reid/Hazard 5-0**

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & SPECIAL PROJECTS

11a)  
M08-080

Reimbursement of \$10,000 to Town of Mammoth Lakes for Troutstock 2007 (**Dan Lyster**)

This \$10,000 is contained in the request for \$75,000 that is requested for stocking and Troutstock Program. (item 11b)

Farnetti states that once budget was approved the commission does not have to come before the Board each time. Skip Baker chairman of commission addresses the Board. \$10,000 is above and beyond the budget monies allocated for discretionary items in the amount of \$32,500 if commission does not plan to pay the \$10,000 out of the allocated \$32,500 it is wrong; cannot commit to a project and then ask for the money. Budget does have to be used for the \$10,000 as that is what it is allocated for.

Supervisor Reid remembers that some of this budget was deferred and then approved another time. Was never clear as to what the \$32,500 was actually approved for. Concerned about having a volunteer group and everyone is not on the same page (Commission, Board, Econ. Development Department) not blaming anyone. Controversy is not good for volunteer groups; Supervisor feels that it was clear that the \$32,500 was approved for local issues and that includes Troutstock Program of \$10,000

Supervisor Hazard discusses his interpretation of the budget – Lyster states that “troutstocking university” is a misnomer- what he is asking for today is the monies that were allocated for million dollar tournament or troutstock - Reid states that everyone is not understanding the same way; Farnetti feels that the commission does good work and that they need an approved budget and that they need to work within that budget.

County Counsel reminds the Board that contributions of budgeted funds must be approved by the Board – if it is a contract for services it does not have to come before the Board but contributions must come before the Board. Finance Director reminds Board that they did not approve the “million dollar” issue. Board members are concerned as to how commission funds were delegated to commission. Board feels that \$77,000 was for stocking and \$32,000 was discretionary monies for commission to use as they see fit. Hazard feels that \$10,000 should come out of discretionary funds of \$32,000. Mr. Baker agrees that this is acceptable with commission. Reid states that in future discussions the Board needs advice as to what expenditures are deemed “discretionary” for fishing commissioners

**ACTION:** Approve expenditure of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) from Mono County Fisheries Commission budget (which is \$32,500) to reimburse the Town of Mammoth Lakes for a portion of Troutstock 2007 expenses.

**Farnetti/Hunt 5-0**

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**11b) Request to approve expenditure of \$75,000 from Mono County Fisheries Commission FY 2007-08 Budget (Dan Lyster)**  
**No action**

Dan Lyster asks if there is an amount dedicated to secretarial and Board states yes it comes from budget (\$7,000)

Introduces new secretary Nancy Allaniz.

Lyster goes back to original budget re trophy fish stocking – this is in addition to the \$77,000 that was approved.

Skip Baker, chairman of fisheries commission; hatchery report – all county waters will get 250,000 lbs more fish; this changes the commission request for more funds and that request is off the table. Will approach the Board during the budget for educational funding; the original funding for \$32,500 will suffice this fiscal year. Discussion of invasion of Quagga Mussel in Mono County Waters; Mono needs to be more diligent re this and stop this in its tracks – this could be devastating as once it is in waters it is impossible to deal with-boats must be inspected. Must create a plan re these mussels and keeping them out of Mono County waters. Supervisor Reid states that boats should not be inspected at gate; another inspection site will be at the parking lot at Kmart – DFG will be present. Baker describes some of the inspection methods that could be used. Hazard feels that whomever owns the lakes (Mono County owns no lakes) should be responsible for making sure the Quagga Mussel does not enter waters – Baker feels their job is to find the most effective procedure and to inform the lake owners of this. Farnetti – for the record the town and county is certainly doing its share re stocking also marina operators are purchasing fish; Fish and Game fine fund has \$30,000 in it at this time – has been used in the past for fish enhancement – this could be a resource for commission to use at Conway Ranch to increase fish enhancement; Hazard informs Baker to check Boating Safety budget re resources that commission could possibly use; Reid, perhaps do a survey of owners of lakes/marinas as to their solution re the Quagga Mussel problem. Need to be concerned about the Bridgeport Reservoir because there are several places where boats can enter the water. Quagga muscle is the number one problem of commission.

**NO ACTION:** Request for expenditure of \$75,000 from Mono County Fisheries commission FY 2007-2008 budget for trout stocking for the Troutstock Program is withdrawn.

**LUNCH RECESS**

**12:10 p.m.**

**Reconvene: 1:15 p.m.**

**OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

No one spoke



## **FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT**

### **Emergency Medical Services in Tri-Valley Area (Mark Mikulicich)**

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**M08-081**

Mark Mikulicich addresses the Board. Proposals within the plan being presented are within the parameters of funds previously allocated. Discussion involved in this proposal are paid per call program; advanced life support services; draft MOU developments

With both Districts; and County's exclusive operating area parameters. Background given. Difficulty in training, maintaining and retaining EMT volunteers. Since last report the Fire/Rescue Department has come up with some concepts such as "paid per call" in amount of \$200; Chalfant Fire has proposed to offer part-time availability of Advanced Life Support care and transportation in addition to Basic Life Support service already provided; Request for additional equipment in amount of \$20,000 for Advanced Life Support service in Chalfant; Request for Rob DeForrest of Chalfant would service ALS run. Different MOU of Chalfant, White Mountain and the County. Reviews MOU from Chalfant Fire with Board.

Supervisor Hunt: Do we have pool of EMT candidates? Many in training – Chalfant has more interest; White Mountain does not seem to have as many people interested in classes, etc.

Supervisor Hazard: If we could find two more volunteers in White Mtn area it would help a lot; ALS will be a great advantage for Chalfant as it knocks off 12 to 15 minutes of response time (when out of Bishop); would like to use contract language for EMT; this proposal would move us forward in this endeavor and although not perfect would work for time being; funding is available; discusses property that will be donated to create a "centralized" emergency services facility in Tri-Valley; citizens want County to proceed with securing property – Hazard will work with County Counsel;

Supervisor Reid: Is there a billing component in this proposal? Billing procedures are included. Districts may charge for services and that money stays in district(s).

**ACTION:** (1) Receive staff presentation. (2) Consider and potentially direct staff to continue development of proposals for providing support. (3) Also consider and potentially authorize purchase of equipment related to proposals. Fiscal impact: Expenditure of up to \$20,000 of pre-approved funding.

***Hazard/Reid 5-0***

## **PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING**

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### **STIP and Prop 1B Road Project Workshop (Evan Nikirk, Kelly Garcia, and Gerry LeFrancois)**

Evan Nikirk:

Current state fiscal crisis and statewide requests for STIP exceeding available funding by \$1.02 billion and funding of local roads will get low priority. CTC is only obligated to fund Mono County's RTIP at the minimum level of \$6.09 million rather than the original amount of \$14.6 million.

3 options are within Programmed STIP Projects; Programmed TE Projects and New STIP Projects. and there are 3 choices of funding options for each program. Proposition 1B funds considered. Today's discussion is to consider options, funding priorities, strategies and ultimately to provide Board direction to staff for upcoming discussions with LTC and CTC should the state reduce the local RTIP allocation.

Gerry LeFrancois addresses Board: when a state project is deemed more important than the local roads will suffer. Proposed Assembly Bill 2295 Arambula – Funding of Local Road Rehabilitation in STIP/RTIP. During past downturns in state's economy, local road rehabilitation projects may get programmed, but the allocation of funds to construct these projects is delayed due to higher state priorities. This proposed bill would add language to Section 164 of the Streets and Highways Code specifically listing local road rehabilitation projects as eligible for STIP/RTIP funding.

Funding must be requested before end of fiscal year and we have 3 years to spend it.

This will be introduced to LTC on Monday by Gerry LeFrancois.

Kelly Garcia addresses Board re cash flow problem with state. Supervisor Reid asks for description of "enhancement Programs" Walker River Pedestrian Bridge in Bridgeport; Scenic Byways Rest Area Bridgeport; Mill Creek Pedestrian Bridge in Walker. One additional enhancement project is School St. outside courthouse – angled parking, seating and lighting. Reid asks for explanation re replacing bridges and asks if there are safety issues re these projects.

Supervisor Hazard states that residential streets must be brought up to speed before we start building bridges, etc.

CTC has prerogative to not fund local rehab projects. Hazard is concerned with Owens Gorge Rd. that is disintegrating now and is very dangerous. If we can't fix it we should close it.

**ACTION:** (1) Conduct workshop to discuss potential state reduction in local STIP funding for road rehabilitation projects, and prioritize County project programming for the 2008 STIP cycle. (2) Discuss potential to offset STIP reductions versus funding additional local street rehabilitation projects through Proposition 1B. (3) Provide any desired direction to staff.

**May 9, 2008 state recommendations**

**May 13, 2008 bring recommendations back to Board**

**May 19, 2008 LTC meeting**

**ADJOURN 3:30 p.m.**

***Reconvene Evening Meeting in  
Mammoth Lakes  
Suite Z, Town Council Chambers  
Minaret Village Mall (437 Old Mammoth Road)***

**Joint meeting with the Mammoth Lakes Town Council**

**7:00 p.m. Meeting Called to Order by Chairwoman Bauer, Mono County Board of Supervisors**

## **Pledge of Allegiance led by Skip Harvey, Mayor, Mammoth Lakes Town Council**

### **OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Jack Winkler made the following comments: (1) there are a lot of sage grouse in the area; (2) he would like to see the Town get more involved in issues at the Village, such as parking.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL PROJECTS**

#### **14) Presentation by Bruce Kinney, Deputy Regional Manager, CDFG (Dan Lyster and Bruce Kinney)**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Receive information provided by Bruce Kinney (California Department of Fish and Game—Bishop Office) regarding fisheries related issues in Mono County.

Bruce Kinney: Reviewed an update of his presentation from January 2008 (copy on file in the Clerk's Office). Kinney highlighted the following:

- Fish Springs is the prime producer for Eastern Sierra waters.
- Increasing poundage to the allotment in Mono County waters; fish will be larger.
- There will be a more even distribution of fish between Inyo and Mono Counties.
- Working towards a weekly stocking schedule.
- A few waters will not be stocked due to small allotments. Asked for feedback about Green Creek, which is recommended to be taken off the list next year.
- Hope to fill two vacant positions soon.
- May lose the use of one vehicle.
- Ability to detect the mud snail is greater in the fall.
- The hatcheries stocking waters are consistent with what they were before.
- There are companies that provide filtering processes, which would resolve the mud snail problem, however the cost is expensive. Will keep the Board and Council informed.
- Using public education to inform people about the Quagga mussel.
- Disease concern with bringing the Lahontan cutthroat trout from the federal hatchery; working with the agency to resolve concerns.
- Working to meet water quality requirements at the Hot Creek Hatchery settling ponds.
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Board and Council Members then asked questions:

- Extension of fishing season? Problem with a longer season is the ability to meet stocking demands, and address public safety issues due to potential of winter weather. Can consider and discuss.
- Why are allotments confidential? The allotment designations are target goals, and they are confidential so there isn't an expectation of meeting a certain level.
- Seems ideal partnership to control Quagga mussels would be with the agricultural agency, can pursue? Have been working with the agricultural stations, but there have been many cutbacks and some stations aren't manned. The larger stations are pulling boats aside for inspection.

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- How is the Quagga mussel coming in? Through the Colorado River system, Lake Mead, parts of Arizona. There is a statewide effort to address the problem.
- Has the mud snail been found at Hot Creek this year? At the end of last year, it was still present in the head springs; there is no way to treat the water at the in-flow system so Hot Creek will never be considered clean.
- Lahontan cutthroats work well in June Lake, why not put in other waters? Being cautious about using the species as recovery; concern with flexibility and long term needs.
- Who will be inspecting boats at Crowley Lake? Understanding that people from Los Angeles Department of Water and Power will inspect boats.
- What are the plans for maintaining distribution? Replacement of older vehicles will be addressed but may not be funded this fiscal year.
- Are there precautions being taken to keep the mud snail out of Fish Springs Hatchery? There is a barrier to the out-flow area, but concern is about transfer by other vectors such as water fowl. The agency is being vigilant about controlling the situation as much as possible.
- Increased mortality in transporting fish? No, as long as there aren't problems with the truck. There is some difficulty in delivering fish to some remote areas.
- Any problems in meeting planning goals in July, August, and September due to state budget issues? Production is already in the schedule. Problems occur when there is a major breakdown at a hatchery or loss of a vehicle.
- Any potential to increase the production cap at Conway Ranch? This is determined by the fish pathologist, and concerns about disease by raising more fish in the same size ponds.

### Public Questions:

- How is the Hoeffler strain doing in Mount Whitney? The strain was lost due to fires in the area; other areas are being considered.
- Fish planting goals? To plant on a weekly basis as much as possible, but will depend on accessibility to the waters.
- Mono County subsidizes fish stocking; does Inyo County do this, and is this a statewide trend? Areas are augmenting the stocking with trophy trout. Regarding private aquaculture operations, they face many demands with water quality issues.
- How will this year's planting compare to last year? More fish are being produced, but at some point a limit of fish production will be reached. Increased numbers of users will require augmentation to the state's allotment.

**ADJOURNED: 8:35 p.m.**

Mono County Board of Supervisors will meet in regular session on **April 15, 2008**, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers, County Courthouse, Bridgeport, California.

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